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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 15-18, 22-25 and 30 are pending herein. Claims 5, 19, 26, 31, 33 and 34 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended as supported throughout the present application. Attached hereto as page 4, pursuant to Rule 1.121(c)(1)(ii), is a marked-up version of the amended claims.

Examiner Forman is thanked for courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during a personal interview on September 10, 2002. During the interview, Examiner Forman indicated that amended claims 1 and 3 submitted above would be favorably reconsidered. In particular, Examiner Forman agreed that the applied art fails to disclose or suggest the "each of said spots has uniform detection sensitivity" limitation now recited in each of claims 1 and 3.

For all of the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims herein are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Examiner Forman is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application in due course.

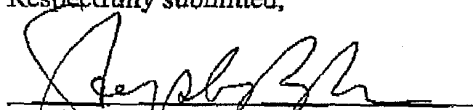
If Examiner Forman believes that further contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, she is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. (Thrice Amended) A biochip comprising a large number of spots containing capture solutions arranged on a base plate, obtained by supplying, onto said base plate by means of an ink jet system, a plurality of types of said capture solutions each of which is adapted to specifically react with a specimen and provide information about a structure within the specimen, wherein:

a plurality of said spots, which have different spot sizes, are formed on said base plate, wherein each of said spots has uniform detection sensitivity.

3. (Thrice Amended) A biochip comprising a large number of spots of capture solutions containing a capture material therein arranged on a base plate, obtained by supplying, onto said base plate by means of an ink jet system, a plurality of types of said capture solutions each of which is adapted to specifically react with a specimen and provide information about a structure within the specimen, wherein:

a plurality of said spots are formed in which the concentration of the capture material in the capture solution varies from spot to spot, wherein each of said spots has uniform detection sensitivity.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
Amended claims